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In re Application of

**Daniel Joseph Omahony** 

Application No. 09/443,986

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**DECISION ON PETITION** 

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed December 8, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely pay the issue fee on or before November 21, 2008, as required by the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due, mailed August 21, 2008. Accordingly, the date of abandonment of this application is November 22, 2008.

It is not apparent whether the statement of unintentional delay was signed by a person who would have been in a position of knowing that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Nevertheless, in accordance with 37 CFR 10.18, the statement is accepted as constituting a certification of unintentional delay. However, in the event that petitioner has no knowledge that the delay was unintentional, petitioner must make such an inquiry to ascertain that, in fact, the delay was unintentional. If petitioner discovers that the delay was intentional, petitioner must so notify the Office.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of payment of the issue fee of \$1,510, (2) the petition fee of \$1,620; and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Denise Williams at (571) 272-8930.

This application is being referred to the Office of Data Management for processing into a patent.

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